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## SecDef says no 'D-Day' struggle

**Jim Garamone**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday there "is not going to be a D-Day as such, and I'm sure there will not be a signing ceremony on the Missouri as such," in regards to the war on terrorists.

He said the withdrawal of recognition of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban by the United Arab Emirates, Saturday, and Saudi Arabia, Tuesday, plus America's show of unity and resolve suggest to him that terrorists have to begin to look at the world differently.

"The American people when stirred can be united and purposeful and relentless," he said to reporters at a Pentagon press briefing.

Secretary Rumsfeld said the United States is engaged in a broad-based effort.

The ongoing build-up of forces is already having an effect on terrorists.

"It's true that as forces are deployed, people who have reasons to be frightened have to take steps to change their behavior in a way that probably adds cost and adds difficulty to them, and that's not a bad thing," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

He said some military steps will be visible as they have been during traditional conflicts.

In other cases, however, they will be covert by necessity.

Secretary Rumsfeld said the public should not look for just a military response.

"We do intend to have the entire United States government engaged in this over a sustained period of time," he said. "The United States will build a coalition to stop terrorists," he added.

"We will engage some countries on one aspect of it and still other countries on another aspect," he said. "We will see coalitions that will evolve and change over time depending on the activity and the circumstance of the country.

The mission needs to define the coalition, and we ought not think that the coalition should define the mission."

Secretary Rumsfeld defined victory as crippling terrorist organizations' ability "to coerce and terrorize and otherwise disrupt the way of life of Americans and our friends and allies around the world."

He said this conflict will involve casualties and that efforts against the terrorist organizations will be difficult and dangerous.

"There is, as we are aware, the likelihood that more people will be lost, but what is at stake here is our way of life and our ability to remain engaged in the world," he said.

America's global engagement is the underpinning of peace and stability in the world, he said, and "being able to live without fear is a worthy cause."



Jim Garamone

**Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld speaks before reporters at a press briefing in the Pentagon.**

## Fuji flip



Gunnery Sgt. Matt Hevezi

**Sergeant Ian M. Janos demonstrates a throwing technique on Pfc. Michael Wallace Jr., Monday at Camp Fuji, Japan. The training is part of the Marines Corps' martial arts training program which prepares and conditions Leathernecks for close quarters, hand-to-hand combat. Janos and Wallace were among 130 Marines from Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marines, participating in the training. "When all your rounds are gone, close combat keeps you alive," Janos said.**

## President Bush launches first strike against terrorism

### Terrorists' money, ability to access funds frozen

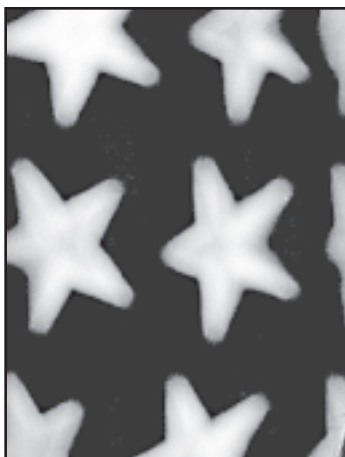
**Jim Garamone**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — President Bush fired America's first shot of the war against terrorism Monday by announcing a freeze of financial networks of global terror organizations.

President Bush said the United States has developed the international financial equivalent of law enforcement's "Most Wanted" list and that an executive order he signed immediately freezes the assets in the United States of 27 entities.

"They include terrorist organizations, individual terrorist leaders, a corporation that serves as a front for terrorism and several nonprofit organizations," President Bush said. "This executive order means that



PRESIDENT BUSH

United States banks that have assets of these groups or individuals must freeze their accounts. And United States citizens or businesses are prohibited from doing business with them."

Acknowledging many of the groups don't have much money in the United States, President Bush noted his freeze order goes much further.

"We've developed a strategy to deal with that," he said. "We're putting banks

and financial institutions around the world on notice: We will work with their governments, ask them to freeze or block terrorists' ability to access funds in foreign accounts. If they fail to help us by sharing information or freezing accounts, the Department of the

*"Make no mistake about it, I've asked our military to be ready for a reason."*

President George W. Bush  
*Commander in Chief*

Treasury now has the authority to freeze their banks' assets and transactions in the United States."

The president announced the establishment of a foreign terrorist asset tracking center at the Treasury Department. It will identify and investigate the financial infrastructure of the international terrorist networks.

"It will bring together representatives of the intelligence, law enforcement and financial regulatory agencies to accomplish two goals: to follow the money as a trail to the terrorists, to follow their money so we can find out where they are; and to freeze the money to dis-

*See STRIKE, A-13*

## Marines embark gear at K-Bay pier, first time since 1997



Sgt. Robert Carlson

**Marines from CSSG-3 and 3rd Marine Regiment loaded gear onto an Army vessel at the pier Friday.**

**Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
*Press Chief*

In preparation for scheduled exercises at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island, Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment and CSSG-3 embarked gear aboard an Army vessel at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, pier Friday.

The embark was the first for the K-Bay Marina since the H-3 Highway opened in December of 1997.

"In previous years, we had to drive the trucks and haul the heavy equip-

ment to the other side of the island when we sent them to PTA," said Lance Cpl. Colin J. Hallett, a landing support specialist with Landing Support Co., CSSG-3. "Loading the gear here is much quicker."

The Marines loaded 80 pieces of equipment aboard the U.S. Army



Sgt. Robert Carlson

**Military vehicles and equipment are packed like sardines aboard the USAV Charles P. Gross at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, pier.**

Vessel Charles P. Gross.

"We loaded everything from containers to bulldozers," said Hallett. "I'm

keeping track of what goes on and when it goes on."

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# MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

## POW/MIA CEREMONY, TOMORROW

Marine Corps Base Hawaii will honor Prisoners of War and servicemembers Missing in Action during a ceremony Friday at the Kaneohe Bay flagpole. The ceremony is scheduled for 8 a.m., and guests should be seated by 7:50 a.m.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS, SATURDAY

The MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Chapel will host a Mass celebrated in the Spanish language with a Spanish homily and music, Saturday at 5 p.m. Mass will be followed by a Spanish Potluck dinner adjacent the Base Chapel at 6 p.m.

## TRICARE FOR LIFE

A new TRICARE For Life Program becomes effective Monday for military retirees age 65 and older. For more details, contact your Branch Medical Clinic.

## AMERICAN LEGION HOSTS MILITARY SUPPORT NETWORK

The American Legion can assist families of American servicemembers at 1-800-504-4098. The Family Support Network is designed to meet family needs that may slip through the safety nets of society, according to its national commander. Callers must provide identifying information and will usually receive a return call within two days, from their local American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

## JOINT WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

The 7th Annual Joint Women’s Conference will be held at the Hickam Air Force Base Officer’s Club, Oct. 19-20. It’s designed to enrich, empower, uplift and motivate women in all their roles as wives, mothers, sisters, community leaders and professionals.

Attendees will be able to choose from 70 diverse workshops and keynote speakers such as KGMB-9 news anchor, Jade Moon.

Registration is underway now; pick up forms at military exchanges, commissaries and base chapels. The cost is \$20 for both days, with continental breakfast, lunch on Friday, and conference souvenirs. Friday only is \$15; Saturday only is \$10. Registration deadline is Tuesday; call 455-1744 for info.

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# — SERGEANT MAJOR’S CORNER — ‘Uncommon valor’ describes many

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger

Marine Forces Pacific  
Sergeant Major

CAMP H. M. SMITH —

Like every American, I’ve had an endless number of personal thoughts and views about the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C., on Sept. 11.

It’s always bad news when you get a phone call in the middle of the night. Though, bad news does not begin to adequately describe the phone call I received just before 4 a.m. (Hawaii Time) on Sept. 11.

After hanging up the phone, I quickly turned on the television and moments later, watched as the first World Trade Center building collapsed.

The news then showed the Pentagon on fire with a huge section of the building destroyed.

Like everyone else, I instantly knew what I was watching was not a horrible and tragic series of coincidental accidents, but rather intentional acts of terrorism at a level beyond anything the world had seen before. I remember my first thoughts being that life for every American has now been changed forever as a result of these acts of terrorism.

My next thoughts were what I then guessed and later would be tragically confirmed as accurate — thousands of Americans injured or killed, along with countless numbers that had lost family members, friends or loved ones in the buildings and the airplanes involved.

I quickly got dressed and headed to work. My thoughts then went to the terrorists who committed these acts.

Having been involved in the terrorist suicide bombing of the 1/8 BLT Headquarters in 1983, I knew that the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon were of an unimaginable scale in comparison to what happened to my battalion headquar-

*“The military has received its marching orders from our commander in chief, and that is ‘Be Ready’.”*

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger,  
MarForPac Sergeant Major

ters in Beirut.

There was also no doubt in my mind that just as in Beirut, it would be confirmed that these suicide bombers did not act alone.

My focus then went to those individuals, groups, and sponsors of terrorism that indirectly or directly would be confirmed during the forthcoming investigation to have been involved in what had just happened. These thoughts I’ll share later.

I do not believe our country has ever witnessed its citizens pull together as “one” and display a selfless love of country and fellow Americans — anything close to the degree as has been displayed during the last week and a half in our country.

As news started to come out about specific events by individuals and groups of Americans on the morning of Sept. 11, Admiral Nimitz’ comments describing the actions of Marines during the battle on Iwo Jima of “uncommon valor was a common virtue” could also be used to describe the actions of many Americans during the morning of and since Sept. 11.

For example, the exact details of the United Airlines Flight 93 will never be known, except by those on that flight. However, based on cell phone conversations by a couple of passengers of

that hijacked Flight 93, enough is known about the events of that flight to know the passengers were aware of the intentions of the hijackers for Flight 93.

It is also known that a handful of passengers were determined, regardless of their personal fate, to ensure the same did not happen with Flight 93 as had happened earlier that morning in New York and Washington D.C.

Only by the selfless and extremely brave actions of a few passengers on that flight, did Flight 93 not reach its intended target.

Yesterday, I learned about a young Marine corporal who was on guard duty close to the point of impact at the Pentagon. With his uniform on fire as a result of jet fuel, this Marine peeled his clothes off except for his skivvies and immediately headed into the building to help rescue victims inside.

While trying to pull a lady from the rubble, something fell from above and broke his fingers.

He continued his rescue efforts until his buddy grabbed him by the shoulder to restrain him and to get him medical help.

When his fellow Marine grabbed his shoulder, the skin of this corporal came

off into his friend’s hand. The corporal will be moved to the Air Force’s burn center in Texas once he is stabilized from the third degree burns over much of his upper body, received during the initial impact.

“Honor, courage and commitment” is an understatement in describing the actions

of the New York City police, fire fighters, and all the other emergency services personnel involved with the rescue and recovery of those still in the World Trade Center buildings.

As I watch and read about these magnificent Americans (of which more than 300 died in the collapse of both towers) work around the clock in the small hope of finding just one survivor of the over 6,000 missing, they above all others in this tragedy have displayed all that is great about this country.

The military has received it’s marching orders from our commander in chief, and that is “Be Ready”. As our nation begins the healing process from these attacks, it’s time for us in the military to be prepared for our primary mission. As our country’s leadership begins the war on terrorism, the images of the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon will be etched in our minds and in our resolve to ensure this never, never happens again in our country.

There is a saying that “If you want to kill a sewer rat, you have to go to the sewers where they live to get them”. There is not a sewer hole deep enough for terrorists and their supporters to be safe.

For those in the world who have grossly underestimated every American’s love of our country and freedoms of democracy, **we will be talking to you soon**, and it won’t be for a group hug!!

Semper Fidelis.



MELLINGER

# Career planners help determine futures

Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Combat Correspondent

When the date marking the end of your active service rolls around, what will you do? Will you give another four years to the Marine Corps, possibly recruiting or training future Marines? Will you take your skills that you learned in the Marines and become successful in the private sector? Or will you further your education?

These are the tough decisions Marines must ask themselves when their EAS nears. To help make the process easier, Staff Sgt. Timothy Hale, career planner, Headquarters Bn., obligates himself to provide all the opportunities that are available to Marines who may reenlist.

“The purpose of my job is to be their link and voice to Headquarters Marine Corps,” said Hale.

A recent focus of the Marine Corps has been retention. There has been particular emphasis on first-term Marines.

“Once a Marine decides to reenlist, there’s a good chance that he or she will decide to make a career out of it and stay,” explained Hale.

Marines who may be thinking of reenlisting have several incentives to look forward to. If Marines reenlist in



Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

**Staff Sgt. Timothy Hale, career planner, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, says that his job is to provide the voice and link between Marines and Headquarters Marine Corps.**

their primary military occupational specialty, they will be given the chance to select three duty stations where they would like to be stationed. If one of their choices of duty stations is in need of their MOS, HQMC will send them there.

Another opportunity for Marines is a lateral move into another MOS. In the lateral move, the Marine Corps

gives the Marine an opportunity to change and be trained in another MOS.

“Sometimes, Marines don’t get their choice of MOS when they first enlist for one reason or another. The Marine Corps puts them where they need them the most. They may enjoy being

See CAREER, A-11





Marines from Lima Co., 3/3, debark a CH-53D Sea Stallion at Schofield Army Barracks to train for their upcoming MCCRE.

# 3 / 3 readies for PTA

Story and Photos by  
**Lance Cpl.  
Jason E. Miller**  
*Combat Correspondent*

With a battalion-wide evaluation coming up, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment moved to Schofield Army Barracks Sept. 17 to get ready. The battalion was warming up for the Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation scheduled this October at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii. While at Schofield, the Marines of 3/3 used several different ranges to practice honing their skills as they prepared for their evaluation. “This is the first time the battalion has done a live-fire evolution of this size — other than PTA — in at least the last two years,” said 1st Lt. Chris Steele, assistant operations officer of 3/3. They practiced military operations in urban terrain tactics on the MOUT range. The MOUT range at Schofield is comprised of wooden buildings set up like a city street, with pop-up targets inside windows to imitate an enemy inside. They conducted live ammunition drills inside the buildings.

“The Marines did an outstanding job overall on the MOUT range,” said Staff Sgt. Clarence A. Davis, a platoon sergeant for India Co., 3/3. They also practiced using traps and small arms to destroy an enemy on the ambush range. The ambush range was set up in a wooded area with dense cover and some open spaces through which an enemy might pass in a real-life combat environment. The open areas were rigged with pop-up targets that moved along a track. There were also silhouettes of enemy vehicles accompanying the targets. The Marines moved in platoon-size formations to set up for the ambushes. As the targets began to appear, the sound of enemy mortar fire would fill the air as the Marines destroyed the targets. Some of the platoons set up claymore mines as booby traps and detonated them on the simulated enemy. “This is some really lethal stuff. We’re good at our job, and we work hard to keep it that way,” Steele said. Some sections learned to use new equipment on Range CR-2 as they mounted laser sights on their M-16A2 service rifles. The



India Co. Marines took their turn to practice on the MOUT Range, clearing rooms and firing live rounds at targets.

sights used an infrared beam that is undetectable unless wearing night vision goggles. Weapons Company, 3/3 also practiced small demolition skills using quarter sticks of TNT on the Demo Range. Back at Kaneohe Bay’s

Range Training Facility, the company fired its MK-19, automatic grenade launchers and practiced basic squad level tactics. “We’re just out here honing our craft,” said Steele. “I feel that the Marines, at this point, would be very effective in a hostile situation.”



Lima Co. Marines moved in single file columns as they make their way to one of Schofield Barracks’ many ranges.



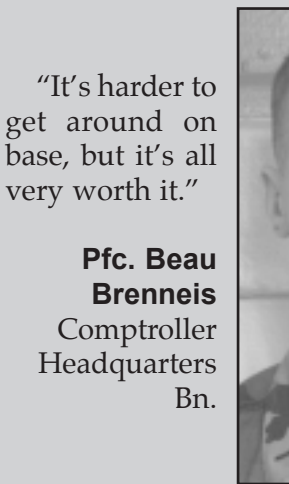
Above — A Kilo. Co. Marine takes cover under a log on the ambush range.  
Left — India Co. Marines move into a tactical position as they prepare to overtake the MOUT range.

## WORD ON THE STREET

*How have the recent terrorist attacks affected your daily life?*



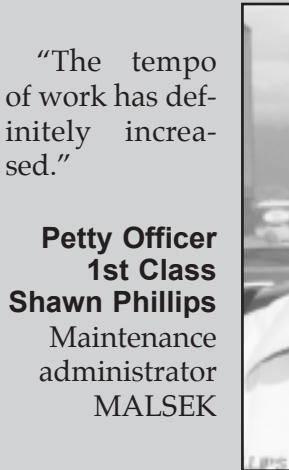
“It makes me sad. I feel bad for what happened to all those people.”  
**Cheryl Carnevale**  
MCB Hawaii,  
Kaneohe Bay  
resident



“It’s harder to get around on base, but it’s all very worth it.”  
**Pfc. Beau Brenneis**  
Comptroller  
Headquarters  
Bn.



“I’ve been moving nonstop since the day it happened.”  
**Carlos Cook**  
Computer network engineer  
Contractor



“The tempo of work has definitely increased.”  
**Petty Officer 1st Class Shawn Phillips**  
Maintenance administrator  
MALSEK



“It makes work harder for me since I don’t have easy access to my truck. I have to park far away.”  
**Tony Sang**  
Telephone technician  
Contractor



# Reserve medal recognizes service of ‘citizen soldier,’ called to duty anytime

**Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Although the term “one weekend a month, two weeks a year” can be easily associated with those in the Marine Corps Reserve, reservists await the call of duty at any given time to any given place, home or abroad.

The efforts of these men and women have not gone unnoticed.

The Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, which has been awarded for qualifying service from Sept. 4, 1984, to the present, is awarded to members of the Marine Corps Reserve who have fulfilled certain designated military service requirements within any four-year period of service in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Originally established as the Fleet Marine Reserve Medal Feb. 19, 1939, by Paul K. Spaulding, Secretary of the Navy, the medal was later changed to the Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal, when the Naval Reserve Act of July 1, 1938, changed the designation from Fleet Reserve to Organized Reserve. It was finally changed

to the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal Sept. 4, 1984, by Gen. Paul X. Kelley, then Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The medal, which is worn after the Good Conduct Medal, and before the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, contains a bronze medallion one and one-quarter inches in diameter.

The bronze medallion has two men, one in uniform and the other in civilian clothing, walking side by side. Above them reads “Marine Corps Reserve”.

In the exergue are the words “For Service”. The two men depicted represent the citizen-soldier.

There is also a ribbon that goes with the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal. The ribbon consists

of a red stripe bordered by gold with red, white and blue pinstripes.

The “weekend warriors” may not be a part of the day-to-day activities that active duty Marines participate in, but when the call for duty presents itself, reservists will be ready to pack their seabag and head toward the appointed place of duty.



The Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal

## SemperToons By Staff Sgt. Charles Wolf



## Windward Aloha Festivals underway Saturday in Kaneohe

**Nancy N. Ortiz**  
*Windward Ho’olaule’a Committee*

The Aloha Festivals “block party” returns to Windward Oahu, Saturday from 4 - 11 p.m. on Mehana and Kawa Streets in Kaneohe.

The Windward Ho’olaulea will feature live entertainment on four stages.

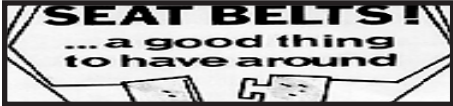
Some of the entertainment featured will be Willie K., Theresa Bright, Sean Naauao, Colon, Chant, Orquestra SalsAloha, Vaihi, Maunalua, Soulfree, 45 Dash, Kahiau and many more.

Food booths, arts and crafts booths, life-size static displays and community exhibits will be available at the block party.

Also, the Aloha Festivals 2001 Royal Court will open each stage with a special appearance and presentation — starting with the Windward Mall Stage with a performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band, led by Bandmaster Aaron Mahi.

The Aloha Festivals block party will be a fun event for the entire family to enjoy.

For more information about upcoming activities and events, call the Windward Ho’olaule’a Committee at 234-0772.



# CVIC archives Corps

Illustrators, photographers, videographers document military training, Marine Corps historical milestones

Story and Photos by  
**Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Many Marines’ daily routine involves training to get them ready for combat. But there are Marines whose primary weapon is a camera or a sketchbook, whose job is to document the history of the Marine Corps as it unfolds in front of them.

The Combat Visual Information Center located on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay houses the Marines who accomplish the mission in three main sections, photography, video and graphic design.

In the photography section, the main goal is to document the training and major events of all the units on the base for historical purposes. There are three combat photographers assigned CVIC.  
“I really like this job a lot,” said Lance



Lance Cpl. Simon Martin cleans his digital camera in preparation for a photo shoot.

Cpl. Simon Martin, combat photographer for CVIC. “I never get bored. I’m always out there training with someone different.”

The photographers at CVIC take all types of pictures including studio quality promotion and awards photos. They also go to the field with different units to document their training.

“This job is definitely a lot of work and sometimes you can get stressed out. Once you can handle it though, it’s a really good job,” Martin said.

In the Video section of CVIC, Marines do everything from video taping ceremonies to running a television channel.

They capture training evolutions, edit them and return the tapes to the units for review. This helps a command better see where it needs to improve on its training and makes good documentation of the events.

“It’s good to be part of something like this,” said Lance Cpl. Dylan Kilgore, a digital video production specialist at CVIC..” It’s good to know that even after I’m long gone, some of the things I did will continue to stick around.”

The base television channel is run out of CVIC’s video department. They program whatever needs to be on the channel and broadcast it to the entire base.

“I believe that we have the most state-of-the-art video equipment in the Marine Corps right here at Kaneohe Bay,” Kilgore said.

The other element that makes



Lance Cpls. Robert Rosenbaum and Dylan Kilgore demonstrate how to use some of the video equipment housed at CVIC.

up CVIC is the graphic design department. Marines in graphic design are the artists of the Marine Corps. They do everything from designing award certificates to hand-drawn illustrations of important figures and events.

The department recently completed a three-dimensional 8 foot by 8 foot model of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

While art and photography may not be what most people think of as a job in the Marine Corps, the job definitely serves a purpose, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian Thompson, officer in charge at CVIC.

“Our basic mission at CVIC is to give audio and visual support to every com-

mand aboard the base,” Thompson said. “We accomplish that job well.”



Lance Cpl. Josh Beebe edits some of the raw footage taken by a combat videographer at CVIC.



# EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

# Recon parachutes with HMMH-461

Cpl. Josh P. Vierela  
*Combat Correspondent*

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — Stand up, buckle up, shuffle to the door, jump right out and shout “Marine Corps!”

On Sept. 6 approximately 25 Marines from 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion performed three static jumps from a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-461 CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter.

Static jumps are when the jumpers exit an aircraft and their parachute is opened by a chord attached from inside the aircraft. All static jumps take place approximately 1,500 feet above the ground at a cruising speed of 80-90 knots.

The additional training provided by these operations benefits both the squadron and the battalion.

“This is more training for us,” said Capt. Kevin Cortes, operations officer, HMMH-461. “Our job is to support infantry and recon. By doing these operations it keeps us proficient as well as helps them out (2nd Reconnaissance Bn).”

“No matter what system you are using, jumping from a rotary wing aircraft is most advantageous because of its ability to perform ‘elevator ops’,” said Staff Sgt. William S. Yancey, communications maintenance chief, and a native of

Columbia, Tenn. “Elevator operations is when we jump, land, don another chute, or pack the one we just landed with, load right back on the bird and jump again.”

It might sound good, but there are a lot of risks involved when executing this dangerous operation.

Some of these hazards include aircraft failure, static line or anchor point breaking, pilot chute deployment in the air-

craft, total canopy malfunction, dual main and reserve deployment, mid-air collisions with other parachutist and accidentally landing on a road and getting hit by a car.

The danger aspect doesn’t seem to phase Marines who perform jumps.

“I love the fact that I can face a life and death situa-

tion and come through in the end,” said Yancey. “It’s a true act of courage and faith.”

“It’s all fun,” said Capt. Sean Quigley, air officer, 2nd Reconnaissance Bn, Lugoff, S.C. “Plus it is certainly useful training that prepares us for real situations. Parachuting allows us to get further inland faster than walking does.”

Although a Marine jumping the first time might be a bit nervous, his attitude changes with every jump completed. The act of parachuting soon becomes a test of skills.

Flying faster and jumping from greater distances as well as being able to land on target are some of the skills aimed for, according to Yancey.

Contrary to popular beliefs “Gironimo” is not proper parachuting verbiage.

“When jumping static line — depending on the type of aircraft we jump

from and its speed — we usually count to six, look up at our chutes and gain control. Or we jump right out and shout, ‘Marine Corps,’” laughs Yancey.



Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Approximately 25 Marines from 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion loaded onto a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-461 CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter for their jumps.

# VP-47, USS Honolulu exchange crew

Each sees roles of hunter, chased from other’s perspective during mission

**Navy Lt. Rob Radcliffe**  
*VP-47*

Ever wonder what it would be like to be on the other side of the proverbial “chase?” To be the hunter instead of the hunted?

Patrol Squadron 47 and USS Honolulu recently hosted each other in an orientation exchange, where two individuals from each command saw what life is like on the other side.

Navy Lt. Rob Radcliffe and Lt. j.g. Chris Smith of VP-47 took a 24-hour excursion aboard the USS Honolulu in the Pearl Harbor operations area. One week later, Navy Lt. Chuck Talley and Lt. j.g. Matt Scroggins experienced a tactical anti-submarine warfare mission aboard a P-3C Orion from Kaneohe Bay.

Instead of evading, hiding and operating in their usual stealth mode, Talley and Scroggins each accompanied a Golden Swordsman Orion as it searched for its own submarine, USS Honolulu.

Traditionally, P-3s are a submarine’s nemesis; capable of locating, tracking, and attacking submarines in almost any environment. Although on the same team, U.S. submarines and P-3s routinely conduct “cat and mouse” wartime scenarios during which military minds are tested and tactics perfected. Simply put, the submarines practice hiding in the ocean and the P-3s try to find them.

“The crew that I flew with was able to keep track of the USS Honolulu during the entire flight and that gave me the best introduction to what a P-3C Orion is all about,” said Talley, the Selected Restricted Availability Coordinator aboard USS Honolulu, upon completion of his flight regarding the P-3 sensor operators and the responsibility given to crew mission commanders and tactical coordinators. “All my assumptions were wrong

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**Navy Lt. Rob Radcliffe**  
*VP-47*

about how the crew worked together to prosecute a submarine. What a tremendous learning experience this was for me.”

For Radcliffe and Smith, the day on the submarine was also a great learning experience. As a future plane commander and tactical coordinator, respectively, this was the perfect time for hands on experience. For both aviators, this was their first extended look at submarine life.

During the trip, Radcliffe and Smith got to experience the “getting underway” process, navigational and emergency drills, four burials at sea and an extensive tour of the boat.

The crew of USS Honolulu was very accommodating and gracious. “It was a tremendous opportunity to see our fellow shipmates working in their element and how they deal with a P-3,” said Smith.

The two Golden Swordsmen put to rest many of their own misconceptions regarding submarines and left the boat with a great respect for the nation’s “silent service.”

During the orientations, each side was able to observe its peers and discuss how each “battles” its counterpart. In addition, the aviators were able to exchange ideas with the submariners on how they can improve training with the USS Honolulu on future flights.

“We have made the first steps and the ice is broken,” said Smith.

“Now, we need to continue to communicate and learn from each other.”

“The Golden Swordsmen are proud of our relationship with the USS Honolulu,” said Cmdr. Keith Bluestein, commanding officer, VP-47. “With every chance we get to interact with each other, we have the opportunity to hone our respective skills even further, preparing us for our ultimate adversaries.”

Commander John Richardson, commanding officer of the USS Honolulu, believes that this is the best kind of training opportunity they could have.

“First, we get a better understanding of how hard the VP community works to do its job. Second, we can use this understanding to improve the way we do business so we become better.”

The future interoperability of P-3s and submarines was greatly enhanced through this Patrol Squadron 47 and USS Honolulu exchange.



*IRONMAN, From A-1*

discourage other Marines from trying it. There are several smaller races and mini triathlons that Marines can do to get ready.

In recent history the Marine team has fared well at the event. This year should be no different if all goes as planned.

## CAREER, From A-2

Marines, but sometimes they do not enjoy their job,” explained Hale.

Another incentive is the selective reenlistment bonus program, where Marines are given cash bonuses, which range from \$5,000 to \$30,000, depending on their MOS.

The last incentive is the opportunity to attend an “adventure school”, such as Airborne, Pathfinder or Ranger school.

If a Marine decides not to give another four years to the Corps, the career planner ensures that the Marine has a plan for the private sector.

“Indirectly, I help transition Marines into the public. We tell them what they need to do before they leave the Marine Corps,” said Hale.

Other opportunities that career planners provide Marines with are the possibility of receiving special duty assignments such as recruiting duty, drill instructor school, Marine security guard and Marine Corps Security Forces. Also, career planners help advise and screen applicants for the several commissioning programs available.

Despite all of the available options and incentives, one should examine his or her motive to reenlist.

“We try not to have Marines reenlist for money because being a Marine is something very personal and felt on the inside,” said Hale.



COMMENTARY

‘The fallen and the living:  
Aren’t they ironic, don’t you think?’

**Chaplain**  
**Scott Carlson**  
*CREDO Hawaii*

The tragic events of our nation on Ground Zero Tuesday have caused me to reflect on the irony of life as I know it.

A recent email gives voice to the words I struggle to communicate, as I watched countless television images of skyscrapers imploding downward, smoke and flames billowing upward, and family members holding pictures, grieving inward: Remember the fallen and unite with the living.

**Disbelief**  
Ironically enough, I was reflecting on the tragedy when I came across pop star Alanis Morissette’s lyrics from her tune “Ironic.” They seemed to match the fog and funk of my shattered disbelief.

*“Mister, ‘play it safe’ was afraid to fly. He packed his suitcase and kissed his kids goodbye. He waited his whole life to take that flight, and as the plane crashed down he thought, ‘Well isn’t this nice?’ And isn’t it ironic, don’t you think?”*

The irony is further intensified by a few conversations I’ve had since the Sept. 11th horror. These typically have been started by the common, human need to remember the fallen.

A sense of compassion, empathy and even helplessness frustration arises.

Our response to the mood of helpless despair can only be met through prayer, by donating blood, by affirming our need for faith in the God of our understanding, and through uniting in common spirit.

However, after this brief silence to remember the brevity, irony and uncertainty of life, these chats seem to take an upward swing.

**Unity**  
We again affirm the need to unite with the living. Reflections such as the enjoyment of today, to live for the moment, to share our love of life’s beauty and to stand strong together, ring loud and clear.

I just want to go and celebrate the fact that I am alive.

In one sense, I feel a twinge of survivor’s guilt by mentioning this. The incongruity of life and the psyche’s need for balance are at work here.

Further reflection leads to a dignity for the dead by honoring, respecting, and remembering them.

Is it possible for me to live my life vicariously as fully as is humanly possible for those who no longer have their own?

Am I, through celebration and the enjoyment of all that life has to offer me, able to honor those who

no longer have the opportunity to do so for themselves?

Do I respect and remember the fallen by uniting with the living?

**Honor**  
Perhaps the most honorable way to remember the fallen is to live our short lives together in celebration with proper decorum toward everyone with whom we interact. Surely this is what it means to be a human being as well as to be a part of the human family.

It’s a “pay it forward” concept: practicing compassion for someone you don’t know, simply because a stranger has practiced compassion for you.

Simple actions such as allowing another driver to enter traffic in front of us, practicing aloha spirit, opening the door for another, volunteering our time, energy and blood, or simply smiling and greeting others with kindness pay life forward.

**Closure**  
Compassionate actions, helpful though they are, will not provide closure to those who grieve the innocence of the fallen, erase the pain of loss, lessen the anger of injustice, alleviate the required but difficult task of military reprisal, nor stop the incessant questions to which there are no easy answers. In short, to live with the

living will not solve the problem. But compassion will help us to remember the fallen, to honor them, reflect upon their lives and live ours on their behalf.

**Believe**  
Ultimately, such helplessness compassion drives me not ultimately to behavior — but to belief.

And in times such as these, my conviction not so much in *what* I believe in but rather *Who* I believe in drives my behavior.

**Faith**  
Consider it as a form of empowerment or locus of control. Personal faith, and what manner it is expressed, is a form of self-care that touches and re-vives the human spirit. By so expressing faith, we lift the fallen. Morissette ends her ironic song on a similar note of hope.

*“Well, life has a funny way of sneaking up on you, when you think everything’s okay and everything’s going right. And life has a funny way of helping you out, when you think everything’s gone wrong...”*

Let us live by uniting with the living so that we are able to remember the fallen.



# MILITARY BLOTTER

## Traffic Court

There were a total of 59 traffic citations issued.

## The Blotter

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a second vehicle.

-A Sailor reported that person(s) unknown had stolen the passenger’s side view mirror from his vehicle.

-A Marine was apprehended for assault when a verbal altercation became physical.

-A Marine was apprehended for driving under the influence on base.

-A Marine was apprehended for a DUI on base, after being involved in a traffic accident when he failed to maintain sufficient distance from a parked vehicle.

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-A Marine was apprehended for a DUI on base, after being involved in a traffic accident when he failed to maintain sufficient distance from a fixed object.

-A civilian employee reported that person(s) unknown had damaged her locker while attempting to break into it.

- A Marine was apprehended for assault after he struck another Marine in the face.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown had removed his Department of Defense decal from his parked vehicle.

-A Sailor reported that

person(s) unknown had damaged the passenger side door of his vehicle.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown had punctured the passenger side front tire of his vehicle.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown had damaged a gear locker.

- A Marine reported that person(s) unknown had broke the passenger side brake light of his vehicle.

-A Marine was apprehended for communicating a threat.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a parked vehicle.

-A Marine reported that a vehicle which was operated by person(s) unknown had struck his vehicle while it was parked.

-A civilian employee reported that person(s) unknown had scratched both the driver side and passenger side doors of her vehicle.

## Lost and Found

To contact Lost and Found, please call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325.

## Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of local neighborhoods.

If you’re interested in getting involved, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 314.

## Crime Prevention

Contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at Crime Prevention, 257-2103, ext. 314.



## STRIKE, From A-1

rupt their actions,” President Bush said.

“Make no mistake about it, I’ve asked our military to be ready for a reason,” he said. “But the American people must understand this war on terrorism will be fought on a variety of fronts, in different ways. The front lines will look different from the wars of the past.”

President Bush said the war on terrorists will use every means of diplomacy, every tool of intelligence, every instrument of law enforcement, every financial influence. “We will starve the terrorists of funding, turn them against each other, rout them out of their safe hiding places and bring them to justice,” he said.







Sgt. Robert Carlson

Above, Cpl. Luis A. Bazan, a heavy equipment operator with Landing Support Co., CSSG-3, loads one of the last pieces of gear onto the vessel. Below, Lance Cpl. Colin J. Hallett, LSC, CSSG-3, and Spc. James D. Krough, medic on the Charles P. Gross, monitored each piece of equipment loaded onto the vessel.



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Humvees, 5-ton trucks, Logistical Vehicle Systems, forklifts and bulldozers were just some of the pieces of equipment loaded on the USAV Charles P. Gross at MCB Hawaii's pier Friday.

*PTA, From A-1*

Hallett's counterpart, Specialist James D. Krough, a medic on the vessel, was also keeping track of the gear as it was loaded. "Monitoring what goes on the vessel is just one of my many duties," the Army sailor said. According to Chief Warrant Officer

3 Kevin A. Stone, 1st Mate for the Charles P. Gross, the mission of carrying gear for Marines is a routine one. "We spend most of our time hauling gear for the Marines and for the 25th Infantry at Schofield Barracks between here and the Big Island," he said. "It's about a 15-hour trip, and the job keeps these engineers and mariners away from their fam-

ilies a lot during exercises." Although the mission requires the Army sailors to be away from their families for short periods of time, Krough said the boat is a choice duty station. "There are only two of these Army vessels in Hawaii, and duty aboard one of them is one of the Army's best kept secrets," Krough said.



# SALUTES

## SERGEANT’S COURSE



### Honor Graduates

<i>First Place</i>		
Sgt. M. R. Guzman	CSSG-3	
<i>Second Place</i>		
Sgt. M. J. Jewell	CSSG-3	
<i>Third Place</i>		
Sgt. L. R. Jensen	HMH-463	

## Commanding General’s Honor Roll

(Awarded to Marines who graduate with a final Grade point average of 95% or higher.)

Sgt. M. R. Guzman	CSSG-3
Sgt. M. J. Jewell	CSSG-3

## Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Writing Award

<i>First Place</i>	Sgt. O. Pittenger	MALSEK
	Sgt. V. A. Davis	CSSG-3
<i>Runner Up</i>		
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Sgt. L. R.Jensen	HMH-463

## Certificates of Superior Physical Performance

(Awarded to Marines who achieve a 285 or above on the physical fitness test.)

Sgt. O.Pittenger	MALSEK
Sgt. T. K.Baugh	MarForPac
Sgt. M. C. Gresham	1st Radio Bn.

## Gung Ho Award

Sgt. V. A. Davis Jr.	CSSG-3
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Government Travel Cards:

New options may reduce delinquencies

2nd Lt. Duy T. Pham  
MCB Hawaii Travel OIC

In an effort to reduce the delinquency rates now plaguing government travel cards and to deliver better services to military customers, the MCB Hawaii Finance Office has recently implemented the Split Disbursement and the Electronic Account Government Ledger System programs.

While the Split Disbursement option allows Department of Defense travelers to elect an electronic payment toward their travel card accounts, the EAGL System allows travelers to elect the appropriate amount accrued during their traveling period.

All this can be accomplished

during the travel settlement.

By selecting these options, part of the payment is sent via electronic funds transfer to the servicemember’s travel card, and the rest of their entitlement is forwarded directly to the traveler’s designated account.

While it is not a requirement, this new payment option is a voluntary service to DoD travelers — seen as a great benefit in paying the official travel card expenses quickly and at a cost savings.

Using Split Disbursement in conjunction with the EAGL System for instant access to current balances, travelers no longer need to write personal checks nor incur the cost of stamps to mail their monthly bills.

Split disbursement option is convenient, fast, and cost effective to the traveler.

For instance, let’s say a traveler is on long-term travel and does not have another person to pick up and pay his or her travel card bills while away. With the Split disbursement option, bills will be paid, keeping the account current and in no danger of delinquency.

Used correctly, the split-disbursement option eliminates the cardholders’ burden and cost of writing and mailing personal checks for travel payments.

In addition, the use of direct deposit speeds the reimbursement process and reduces both administrative costs and account delinquencies.

Split-disbursement is a pay-

ment option completely controlled by the traveler.

The amount the traveler elects on the travel voucher will be forwarded by the travel payment office, if in agreement with the entitlement.

This program is not uncommon in the private sector; in fact, many Fortune 500 companies have used similar practices for decades. Recognizing the private-sector successes and as part of the ongoing reform of its travel and transportation payment practices, DoD and the travel card contractor have been working together to make the split disbursement option available to all DoD travelers.

For details about the programs, contact Disbursing at 257-1470.

